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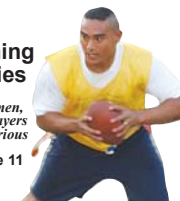


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**Around
The Army****Korea:**

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported Oct. 13 that Seoul prosecutors have indicted 17 South Koreans in connection with a black-marketing scheme that moved 56,000 cases of beer from U.S. bases to local businesses.

Sixteen suspects were charged Oct. 7 with illegally purchasing the beer. A 17th suspect, an Army and Air Force Exchange employee identified only as "Lee," was charged with violating South Korean tax laws.

All 17 will face trial in Seoul District Court.

Customs officials who originally investigated the case said an 18th suspect - another AAFES employee - died Aug. 1 after jumping from the roof of his apartment building.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit www.estripes.com on the Web.

Fort Story:

The Wheel at Fort Eustis, Va., reported Oct. 6 that balloons; red, white and blue streamers; children of all ages; and a full-sized mascot marked the grand opening of Fort Story's newly renovated Bowling Center and Strike Zone Snack Bar Sept. 22.

The \$255,000 renovation project began in April. The 3,600 square foot center now contains the new snack bar, a brand new kitchen and dining area with seating for 35 people and a new outdoor deck with furniture.

For more on this story and other Fort Story and Fort Eustis news, visit www.militarynews.com/wheel/ on the Web.

Japan:

The Torii at Camp Zama, Japan, reported Oct. 13 that the U.S. Army Japan Band led an open-car parade of six Space Shuttle Discovery STS-114 crewmembers on the morning of Oct. 2 in Chigasaki City.

Chigasaki City in Kanagawa Prefecture is where Soichi Noguchi, one of the seven Discovery crewmembers grew up and dreamed of becoming an astronaut.

More than 16,000 people waited to cheer in the home-grown hero and the five crewmembers clad in blue flight suits.

For more on this story and other Camp Zama news, visit www.torii.army.mil/ on the Web.

Fort Jackson:

The Leader reported Oct. 13 that the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program on Fort Jackson won the Army BOSS Best Award for Extra-Small Installation for the third time in four years.

The installation won the award on the basis of a video Riddle and other representatives made which highlighted the Fort Jackson BOSS program and events.

For more on this story and other Fort Jackson news, visit www.fortjacksonleader.com/ on the Web.

Army names year's top Soldiers

Military policeman, Fort Polk Soldier claim titles as NCO, Soldier of Year

By Gary Shepik

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — "Fall back on your training, it will carry you through," said Sgt. Jeremy S. Kamphuis, the Army's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year who

returned from Iraq just six months ago.

The NCO and Soldier of the Year winners were announced Oct. 3 during an awards luncheon at the Association of the U.S. Army's annual meeting. Sgt. Chad H. Steuck, who received his stripe a month ago, was named the

Army's Soldier of the Year following a week-long competition at Fort Lee, Va.

Steuck serves with the 10th Mountain Division's new 4th Brigade at Fort Polk, La., and represented U.S. Forces Command in the competition.

Kamphuis represented U.S.

Army Europe. He serves with the 127th Military Police Company in Hanau, Germany, and spent a year with the unit as a team leader in Baghdad.

During his time in Iraq, Kamphuis said he was in about 10 combat engagements, ranging from being fired upon during

presence patrols to improvised explosive devices hitting his convoy and a police station being attacked by insurgents.

About 50 to 60 insurgents attempted to overrun an Iraqi Police station in Baghdad, Kam-

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'Flight training'

Kansas area helps Airmen prep for war

By Stephanie Perrin

Staff writer

An uninhabited village outside Salina, Kan., stands complete with retired military vehicles lined up in mock convoys and a discarded helicopter parked on top of a building. In the Kansas wind and amidst the expanse of tall prairie grass, U.S. Airmen train with the equipment and wartime scenarios common in the Iraqi deserts.

Airmen of 10th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Riley deploy in support of operations in Iraq for four- and six-month durations, said Master Sgt. Rodney Righter, flight noncommissioned officer in charge.

They currently have a detachment in Iraq supporting 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor.

The 10th ASOS Airmen visit the mock village for four days twice a month to provide ground support to training aircraft crews, said Righter.

The newly constructed village sits on the 34,000-acre Smokey Hill Air National Guard Range. The range offers a wide variety of targets and models for pilots and ground crews there for training, Righter said.

The mock village is complete with buildings, vehicles and military convoys. The range provides the Airmen a place to train in handling various scenarios currently experienced in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Righter said.

"In Baghdad, aircraft are used to support all the Army does," he said. Small and scattered groups of insurgents make the operations in Iraq more difficult for aircraft to locate targets.

When training on the Kansas range, the Airmen conduct their procedures from the top of one of the buildings. The Airmen try



Master Sgt. Rodney Righter of 10th Air Support Operations Squadron watches as a B-1B Lancer aircraft performs a training maneuver Oct. 6 at Smokey Hill Air National Guard Range.

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Order allows claims on gear

Allowance limited to cost of war items

By Jim Garamone

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Some servicemembers who bought their own protective gear will get reimbursed for the purchase under a new policy approved Oct. 4.

David S.C. Chu, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, approved the directive that allows military personnel to be reimbursed "for privately purchased protective, safety or health equipment."

The order covers the period between Sept. 10, 2001, and Aug. 1, 2004. Pentagon officials said "relatively few" servicemembers are affected by the order.

In the early days of the War on Terror, there was a shortage of interceptor armor. The services issued body armor to those most in need of it. However, some servicemembers — both active and reserve component — bought their own protection.

Legislation passed by Congress earlier this year authorized the services to reimburse servicemembers for the expenditures.

The legislation applies to a specified set of personal protection equipment and can be claimed "by either the member or by another person on behalf of the member for the member's personal use in anticipation of, or during, the member's deployment for operations Noble Eagle, Enduring

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Kansas Reserve firefighters use new truck

Tactical vehicle fits unit for variety of tasks

By Nicole Robus

19th PAD



Sgt. Michael Kendall, 482nd Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighter), aims the bumper turret toward the grass demonstrating the capabilities of the new Tactical Firefighting Truck.

19th PAD/Robus

The U.S. Army Reserve out of Kansas unveiled the new Tactical Fire Fighting Truck to the Fort Riley Community during the Apple Day and open house celebration Oct. 1.

The Tactical Fire Fighting Truck replaces the old 2500L fire fighting truck.

"This truck will meet all the needs of the U.S. Army Reserve in their fire fighting mission," said Staff Sgt. Raymond Willson, fire chief with the 482nd Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighting).

"The truck is a 'one size fits

all.' Some fire trucks are structure fire trucks and others are used in aviation fires. This truck has it all," Willson said.

The truck is equipped to fight structure fires, wild land fires and aviation fires of rotary and fixed wing aircraft, he added.

The truck has a six man crew: A driver/operator, a crew chief and four fire fighters, Willson said.

Crew members go through a 40-hour class to learn how to operate the truck and it's 50-plus pieces of equipment, which is built on a standard HEMTT (heavy expanded mobile tactical truck) chassis. The different

pieces of equipment are used for fighting fires and rescuing people, Willson said.

"Our mission is fourfold. We provide crash and rescue response to fixed and rotary wing aircraft, residential and government structure fires, wild land fires and medical and trauma life support for vehicular or aircraft accidents, he said.

The tactical fire truck is different from a civilian fire truck in that the tactical vehicle's water pumps run on a separate engine. A civilian fire truck's water pump runs on the main engine, Willson said.

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Post news in brief

Correction:

The Post incorrectly identified the artillery battery firing the replica canon during open house activities Oct. 1. The artillery crew is assigned to 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery. The Post apologizes for the error.

Recycling earns awards

Small unit Recycle Troop Incentive Program winners for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005 are:

1st place (\$750) – 2nd Battalion 289th Regiment (TSB) (FA)

2nd place (\$500) – 1001st Military Police Battalion 3rd place (\$250) – 15th Finance

Large unit Recycle Troop Incentive Program winners for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2005 are:

1st place (\$1,000) – 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry 1st place (\$1,000) – 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor 2nd place (\$750) – Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison 3rd place (\$500) – 541st Maintenance Battalion Random Act of Recycling (Plastic) winners are: Small Unit (\$250) – 331st Signal Company, 145 pounds Large Unit (\$250) – 1st Engineer Battalion, 290 pounds

Toastmasters slate meeting

The next Old Bill's Toastmasters meeting is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Oct. 20 in the Rally Point Conference Room at Fort Riley. Anyone from the Fort Riley and Junction City community interested in building their leadership skills and overcoming the fear of public speaking is welcome to attend. Meetings are free and open to the general public.

For specific information about the meeting and directions, call Jim Hill at 761-1130.

Ed services to host forum

Fort Riley Education Services will host an education forum Oct. 18-19 at Riley's Conference Center. The main focus will be "Meeting the Post-Secondary Educational Needs of the Expanding Fort Riley Community."

The Fort Riley community, including senior military and civilian leaders, Soldiers and family members, Department of the Army civilians and the community at-large, is invited to attend.

Speakers will be prominent individuals from academia, government, business, civic, law and the military.

For more information, call Education Services at 239-8268.

Road to close for parade

Post military police officers will close off McClellan Loop from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 18 to accommodate a children's parade celebrating Ware Elementary School being named a Blue Ribbon School for 2005.

Center staff cancels job fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program Center job fair scheduled for Oct. 21 has been cancelled. The non-availability of Soldiers and family members has made this necessary. The next ACAP job fair has been tentatively scheduled for April 28, 2006. Regular ACAP services will continue unchanged.

For more information, call the ACAP Center at 239-2278 or stop by Room 6, Building 21, on Main Post.

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Six Soldiers and two civilians were honored for their service to the military at a retirement ceremony Sept. 28 at King Field House.

The Soldiers received Meritorious Service Medals for their outstanding service.

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phius said, and his MP team helped defend it.

"You don't think (training) will get you through combat," Kamphuis said, "but it will."

While in Baghdad, Kamphuis also finished his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is now working toward a master's degree.

When he returned from Iraq in April and finished block leave, Kamphuis said his first sergeant told him to prepare for an NCO of the Year board taking place in just three days. While some of the competitors had months to prepare, Kamphuis said he "fast-tracked" the competitions.

In way of advice to others who might compete in the future, Kamphuis said, "internalize the word 'ethos'" and "always give 110 percent."

Soldier helped guard DMZ

Steuck served for a year at Camp Casey, Korea, with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry, before being assigned to the new brigade at Fort Polk. Now, he said, it's rumored that his new brigade will deploy next year.

"I've always known I could push myself farther," said the Soldier of the year, "but I never knew it would lead me here."

He said the SOY competition was the "biggest professional development experience I've been through." He said being around extremely motivated Soldiers in the competition helped keep him motivated.

Cody: Winners represent 1.2 million

The Army's 10 major commands, FORSCOM, USAREUR, Training and Doctrine Command, Army Materiel Command, Eighth U.S. Army, Medical Command, U.S. Army Pacific, Space and Missile Defense Command, Special Operations Command and U.S. Army South — each provided a finalist in the NCO and Soldier of the

Lt. Col. Virgil Wiemers of Medical Department Activity retired after 21 years of military service. He plans to live in Manhattan and obtain a nursing position at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

Sgt. Major Reginald Frails of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), retired after 30 years of

military service. He plans to live in Manhattan and enjoy fishing and working on his house.

Sgt. Major Patricia Decoster of HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), retired after 24 years of military service. She plans to live in Milford and pursue a civilian position at Fort Riley.

1st SGT. Terri Mebane of HHC, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (TS),

retired after 24 years of military service. She plans to live in Manhattan, enjoy retirement and work in the local area.

Master Sgt. Larry Emanuel of Dental Department Activity retired after 26 years of military service. He plans to retire in San Antonio, Texas, and work for the government.

Mary Orr of the Directorate of

Contracting retired after 24 years of federal service. She plans to live on her family's rural Junction City farm. She plans to relax, travel and care for the farm animals.

Susan Bergsten of the Directorate of Logistics retired after 23 years of federal service. She plans to live in the Riley community and open a bed and breakfast inn.

Year competitions.

All 20 finalists were recognized at the AUSA awards luncheon.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody said the two winners represent more than 1.2 million men and women in uniform today, including the Army Reserve and National Guard.

"Every Soldier and NCO who competed this year - not just the 20 who came to Fort Lee, but thousands - were all winners, all great Soldiers," Cody said.

"We ran them through some pretty rough paces," Cody said of the NCO and Soldier of the Year competition.

Preston: Competition grows leaders

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston oversaw the competition



ANS/Strasser
Sgt. Chad Steuck of Lynchburg, Va., attempts to communicate over a secure network using a tactical radio during the Department of the Army NCO and Soldier of the Year competition, Fort Lee, Va.

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Shades of Green at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

The prizes were donated by organizations such as GEICO, USAA, AUSA and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

All 20 finalists received either a palm pilot, MPS player or camera and a Swiss army knife, championship ring and other items.



ANS/Strasser
Sgt. Jeremy Kamphuis of Grand Rapids, Minn., unwraps the bandage he will use to treat a Soldier for burns during the Department of the Army NCO and Soldier of the Year competition.

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Soldier sentenced to 3 years for Abu Ghraib offenses

By L.B. Edgar
Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — The last Soldier to be tried for prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib was sentenced to three years confinement Sept. 27 at Fort Hood's Williams Judicial Center.

A panel of five male officers found Pfc. Lyndie England, administrative clerk, 372nd Military Police Company, guilty of all charges: conspiracy, maltreatment of subordinates and indecent acts.

In addition to three years of incarceration, England was dishonorably discharged and reduced in rank to private.

England received the sentence for three violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, all of which occurred at Iraq's Baghdad Central Confinement Facility at Abu Ghraib between October and December 2003.

The prosecution opened their case against England with testimony by Pvt. Jeremy Sivits, 372nd MP Co. He said England stomped on the hands and feet of detainees.

"They were laughing, joking around," Sivits said. He also said England posed for pictures with the detainees.

Pvt. Ivan Frederick Jr., military policeman, 372nd MP Co., the former noncommissioned officer in charge of Abu Ghraib's Tier 1A, also testified the Soldiers responsible for the detainees were laughing and joking during the misconduct.

The testimony of two CID special agents established a timeline constructed of when the pictures depicting the detainee abuse were taken and that the detainees were not of a military intelligence value, but instead, were common criminals.

The defense counsel opened by calling Pvt. Charles Graner, 37, who was in an alleged relationship with England, 22, before and during the time the misconduct occurred. That relationship resulted in their now 11-month-old child.

Graner said he told England to commit many of the acts of misconduct and that she did not stomp on the feet or hands of any

detainees.

Graner, a former corporal in England's unit, was previously sentenced for his role in Abu Ghraib.

England's defense team presented evidence that the accused, due to an underlying mental condition, was unable to agree with another to maltreat detainees, which is necessary for her to be found guilty of conspiracy.

This defense is commonly referred to as a defense of partial mental responsibility. Later Judge Pohl instructed the panel again on England's defense of partial mental responsibility as well as England's ability to understand her rights at the time she made the statement to Worth.

There "may be evidence that the accused did not fully understand the rights advisement before she gave the statement," Pohl said.

Following two hours and 15 minutes of deliberations, the panel found England guilty of all charges.

The verdict left England facing a possible 10-year prison sentence, but the defense counsel filed a multiplicity motion, claiming some of the specifications were too similar to be charged as separate.

As a result, Judge Pohl computed England's potential confinement to a maximum of nine years.

The trial counsel began the sentencing phase of the court martial by playing excerpts of a video deposition, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, Combined Joint Task Force 7 spokesperson, U.S. Central Command, explained the impact England's misconduct had on the unit's mission in Iraq as well as on the Army.

"The reputation of the military was tarnished," Kimmitt said.

Spec. L.B. Edgar serves with the 7th MPAD.



Post/Perrin

Airman 1st Class Chris Premo of 10th Air Support Operations Squadron at Fort Riley writes down coordinates for a target Oct. 6 at Smokey Hill Air National Guard Range. He will pass that location to the crew of a B-1B Lancer aircraft flying from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., to the range for training.

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to find the highest spot to give them the best visual of the air and ground, Righter said.

U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard members from across the United States train daily at the range. "The range is in a good location because it's centrally located," Righter said. An aircraft arriving from Texas has been in

the air only about 30 minutes, he said.

Before the aircraft's arrival at the range, the 10th ASOS Airmen prepare a mock scenario and target locations for the aircraft.

When an aircraft initially arrives at the range, its crew radios to the 10th ASOS team on the ground to receive their "fact to

fighter" report, Righter said. The report includes the pilot's call sign, mission, airtime and enemy and ally locations.

Once the pilot receives clearance from the ground commander, he is cleared to perform the culmination of the training scenario, a flyover laser "hit" on his designated target.

Soldiers convicted

Staff Judge Advocate

The government has tried the following cases and received the following results in courts martial at Fort Riley in September and October:

On Oct. 3, 2005, Pfc. Steven M. Dixon was found guilty of being absent without leave and for wrongfully using amphetamines, ecstasy, cocaine and marijuana.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E-1, to forfeit all pay

and allowances, to be confined for nine months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

On Sept. 23, 2005, Spc. Brandon Parker was found guilty of desertion with intent to shirk important service and wrongfully using marijuana.

The military judge sentenced him to be reduced to pay grade E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 25 months and to be discharged from the service with a Dishonorable Discharge.

Fire truck

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The tactical truck has a fully integrated communications system so that the fire fighters can communicate from the front cab to the crew cab, Willson said.

The truck is kept at the 450th Movement Control Battalion

facilities in Manhattan, Kan. "It is kept there because the building we are in here is a historical building, so we cannot alter the structure to accommodate the larger truck," he said.

The 482nd, 359th and the

750th Engineer Detachments' fire fighters are scheduled to train on the trucks at Camp Funston on Fort Riley Nov. 5-6. The units will train with the Fort Riley Fire Department, Willson said.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

Have ethnic observances outlived their usefulness? If so, why? If not, why not?



Betty Roberts
Lead education technician
Child Development Center

"Definitely not. I feel that there isn't enough information out there concerning ethnic observances. There is a lot of black trailblazers that have not been recognized. It's not only up to the system to inform us, but we as parents need to pass on our cultural heritages to our children."



Heather Griffith
Administrative assistant
Child Development Center

"No, because it is important to remember our own history and where we come from."



Jermaine Nooner
PX concessionaire

"No, because they don't teach enough history in school. The observances give the kids a way they can learn more."



Linda Clark
Education technician
Child Development Center

"No, because you have a variety of different people on an installation and the observances give people a chance to learn a little bit about other people."



Sgt. Heidi Curry
3rd Bde., 75th Div. (TS)

"No. It helps everybody obtain more knowledge about other cultures."

Next week's question:

What is your feeling about restricting cell phone usage while driving a vehicle on post?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

By Rod Cruz

Post Safety Office

Halloween lurks around the corner, and little ghosts and goblins will soon haunt the Fort Riley area streets for treats.

The 2,000-year-old tradition can be traced to the Celtic festival called Samhain, which marked the end of the Celtic year. The Celts believed the dead returned to damage crops and cause trouble during this holiday.

In the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV designated Nov. 1 as All-hallows to honor saints and martyrs. The name All-hallows is derived from the Middle English word Alhalloesme, meaning All Saints Day. Many people believe All-hallows was created to replace Samhain with a church-sanctioned holiday.

The tradition of wearing costumes comes from early European and Celtic customs where costumes were worn to ward off



Rod Cruz

evil spirits. Today, the right costume can help ward off accidents. It is important to select a costume made from non-flammable or flame-retardant materials and short enough not to become a tripping hazard.

Costumes and treat bags should be light in color or made with reflective materials.

If a mask is worn, it should have nose and mouth holes to provide adequate ventilation and large eyeholes that do not hinder visibility.

If makeup is used, select a brand that is made with U.S.-approved color additives and is non-toxic.

Knives and swords and other

costume accessories should be made of cardboard or flexible materials to prevent puncture wounds or injuries.

Parents have an enormous role ensuring the safety of their children. Keeping Halloween safe is no trick if the following tips are kept in mind:

- Before trick-or-treaters embark on their night of haunting fun, parents should know what route their children will take and who will accompany them.

- Children should be encouraged to travel in familiar areas, carry a flashlight, only visit houses that are well lit and to never enter houses of people they do not know.

- An adult or older youth should supervise young children at all times.

- To prevent encountering hazards that might cause trips and falls, the leading causes of Halloween-related injuries, instruct children to never cut across

yards, but to use sidewalks when traveling from house to house. If a sidewalk is not available, they should walk, not run, on the left side of the road where approaching traffic is visible.

- After trick-or-treaters return home, parents should inspect all goodies for anything suspicious. Wash and cut all fruit into small slices. Items that cause doubt should be thrown away.

Motorists have an important role in Halloween safety, too. Operators must watch for children in dark costumes and pedestrians around driveways, sidewalks, parked cars and in the street. When leaving Halloween parties, only sober drivers should sit behind wheel.

Halloween can be a good time if safety is foremost. Parents, motorists and little ghosts and goblins all play an integral part in keeping Halloween safe. Please follow these safety tips so All-hallows Eve will not come back to haunt you.

Personal Safety

Following tips will keep Halloween safe

Personal protection

Identity theft can rob anyone not on guard

By Matthew D. Veldey

Legal Assistance Attorney

In the course of a typical day, you may write checks to pay bills, take cash from an Automatic Teller Machine, order tickets to a show or apply for a credit card.

In each transaction you reveal bits of information about yourself. That information, such as your name, address, phone number, Social Security number and bank account numbers, can be used for identity theft.

What can you do to minimize your risk for becoming a victim of identity theft?

You should manage your personal information cautiously. Place a password on credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using readily available information, such as your mother's maiden name or your birth date.

Secure personal information that you may have in your home, especially if you have a room-



Capt. Matthew Veldey

mate or are having work done in your home.

Shred or destroy sensitive documents before putting them into the trash.

Don't give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or you know for sure with whom you are dealing.

Before you give any information, you should confirm that you are dealing with a legitimate organization. Call customer service at the phone number listed on your account statement or in the phone book to confirm that you were actually contacted by a legitimate organization.

Keep in mind that identity thieves are clever and new scams

are discovered every day.

Identity thieves often target military members and their families. In one such scam, families are contacted by telephone and told they are speaking with an Internal Revenue Service representative. They are informed that because they have a family member serving in the military they are entitled to a special tax refund.

To receive the refund the families are told they must pay a fee

to cover postage, and they are asked to provide a credit card number to pay for the fee. The identity thieves then use the stolen credit card number.

Be cautious if you are contacted about a promotional offer or special opportunity. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Editor's note: This is the first of two articles about identity theft. The next article runs on this page next week.

Grunt By Wayne Udden



My Soldier My Hero

Capt. Bryan Asher, 3rd Brigade, 75th Division

He is serving his second tour in Iraq. He is my hero because he brings me coffee in bed (when he's home). He is my hero because, from the moment I gave birth to our first child, he has been the most amazing father. He is my hero because, when we share something, he makes sure I have more. He is my hero because he works hard to do his best at every task he's given. He's my hero because he loves his mom. He's my hero because he tries to do what's right and stands up for what he believes in. He is my hero because he can make me laugh no matter how bad my day has been. He's my hero because he chose to serve our country knowing the many sacrifices it



would entail and the ultimate sacrifice it could become. He is my hero for so many reasons, great and small, but mostly because he puts family above all else.

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Post news in brief

Safety staff sets rider courses

The Installation Safety Office has scheduled a Dirt Bike RiderCourse beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 23 at the McGee Farm.

The ISO also has scheduled an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) RiderCourse at the McGee Farm beginning at 9 a.m. on Oct. 18.

Call 239-2334 or 239-2514 for directions and more information about the courses.

Motorcycle course offered

The Installation Safety Office will offer a Basic Motorcycle Defensive Driving Course Oct. 15-16.

Those attending the course must be licensed by a civil authority to operate a motor vehicle (a learner's permit is acceptable), possess an understanding of the basic rules of the road and wear personal protective equipment required by Appendix B of Army Regulation 385-55, Appendix B.

This is a beginner's course. Helmets and motorcycles will be provided by the contracted instructor.

For more information, call the Installation Safety Office at 239-2334 or 239-2514.

CID looking for applicants

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, better known as CID, is seeking new special agents.

CID is the Army's sole investigative agency for felony level crimes that have a military connection or serve the interest of the Army. It also provides protective services to ensure the safety and security of key leaders within the Department of Defense and Department of Army.

All applicants must have one year of civilian law enforcement experience, six months Military Police experience or six months formal internship with the local CID office.

Staff sergeants and some sergeants first class who already are members of the Military Police Regiment and Military Intelligence fields can apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CID briefings are conducted at 5 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Building 496 at Fort Riley. The next briefing is Oct. 17.



Photo by Molly Mueller/Sen. Roberts' press secretary

Division presents flag

Brig. Gen. James Barclay and Command Sgt. Maj. John Fourhman present Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) one of three authorized 1st Infantry Division flags in his Washington, D.C., office. The flag was brought from 1st Inf. Div. headquarters in Germany for presentation to Roberts. He displays the flag in his office. Attending the early October presentation were city officials from Junction City and Manhattan. The 1st Inf. Div. headquarters is slated to move from Germany to Fort Riley.

'Jury Duty Scam' used for ID theft

Staff report

Criminal Investigation Division officials are warning Soldiers, government employees and family members to beware of a form of identity theft known as "Jury Duty Scam." Information about the scam was published in a recent Criminal Information Bulletin.

"Jury Duty Scam" is being used by identity thieves to deceive victims into revealing their personal information.

The scammer calls the residence or office number of the victim and identifies himself as an officer or employee of the local court or jurisdiction.

The scammer announces to the victim, that he or she has failed to report for jury duty and that a bench warrant was issued against them for their arrest.

The victim's reaction generally is one of shock and surprise, which places the victim at an immediate disadvantage and much more susceptible to the scam. The victim will rightly deny knowledge of any such claim, that no jury duty notification was ever received.

The scammer then shifts into high gear, reassuring the victim of the possibility this is "just a misunderstanding" or "some sort of clerical error" that can all be straightened up on the phone.

All they need to do is verify their information with a few simple questions.

Any reluctance by the victim to verify that personal information will prompt the scammer to threaten that the failure to provide the information will result in an immediate execution of the arrest warrant.

The scammer then obtains names, Social Security Numbers and dates of birth and will solicit credit card or bank account numbers, claiming these will be used by their credit bureau to verify the victim's identity.

Family members who receive these calls are especially vulnerable to coercion. Threats against the sponsor's military career should the victim be arrested and develop a criminal record are frightening and persuasive.

Soldiers, civilian employees and their adult family members must be aware of this threat to their personal information and identities. Legitimate court employees will never call to solicit information and would send any official notifications by standard mail delivery.

Any person receiving such calls should record the scammer's phone number (if Caller ID is available) and immediately report the contact to military police authorities.

Army's field manual sets recovery doctrine

Change strengthens accepted philosophy

By Tisha Johnson
Army News Service

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The phrase "I will never leave a fallen comrade," is part of the Warrior Ethos listed in the Soldier's Creed. Publication of Army Field Manual 3-50.1, Army Personnel Recovery, makes the phrase more than just philosophy; it's doctrine.

The approved manual was published on the Army Knowledge Online Web site Aug. 10. Hard-copy manuals are being published and should be available soon, officials said.

Previous doctrine

Before August, the Army didn't have a set doctrine governing personnel recovery, said Lt. Col. John Horton, doctrine author at Fort Leavenworth's Combined Arms Doctrine Directorate.

"It was a combination of a couple of Army regulations that dealt primarily with SERE (survival, evasion, resistance and escape) and joint publications that talked about CSAR (combat search and rescue)," Horton said.

Contractors and CADD personnel began working on the manual in September 2004. The manual was released as an initial draft in February, and comments from the field were extremely positive, Horton said. Combined Arms Center Commander Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace decided to go final with the manual.

Current doctrine

The new manual outlines personnel recovery as the effort to

recover personnel who are "isolated, missing, detained or captured in an operation environment."

Recovery operations can include military personnel, DoD civilians and contractors. Multi-national partners, American civilians and the citizens of other nations may be included in personnel recovery efforts when directed by the secretary of defense.

The major change in doctrine is where the manual states: "Every Soldier and every sensor on the battlefield is woven into a seamless system as a part of our everyday operations and enables the immediate recovery of any personnel who are isolated, missing, detained or captured."

The inclusion of every Soldier in personnel recovery is not a rewording of established publications and policies; it is a significant change, Horton said.

In the past, personnel recovery was relegated to a dedicated force.

"Someone would have to say, 'Hey, we have somebody that is still out there. Go get them,' and that dedicated force would go do it," Horton said.

The new procedure energizes the personnel recovery system as soon as an isolating event is detected, enabling immediate recovery and fewer problems, Horton said.

Why the change?

A quote from Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker in the manual's first chapter overview sets the tone for the rest of the publication: "We need to focus on Soldiers being able to

take care of themselves, then able to take care of their buddies, then able to take care of their larger team ... It's all part of the Warrior Ethos: Place the mission first, never accept defeat, never quit and never leave a fallen comrade."

"Our Soldiers need to know that we're not going to leave them out there, that we are coming for them," Horton said.

During a personnel recovery conference, former prisoner of war Sgt. James Riley spoke about the ambush on the 507th Maintenance Company on March 23, 2003, in Iraq.

"One of the things he said was that he didn't think anyone was coming for him," Horton said. "And here we are, America's Army, and a young NCO didn't think anyone was coming for him."

Horton said that everyone's taking a sharper view of Warrior Ethos.

"You're going to see it with reintegration as well. Just because we recover a Soldier, it doesn't stop there. When that Soldier comes home and goes through his rear detachment, the personnel recovery mechanism is still doing a bunch of things to help reintegrate that Soldier," Horton said. "To make sure that he's taken care of."

Some of the current manuals don't address reintegration, Horton said.

"The Army is becoming smarter about it and the education and training will help drive these things home," he said, "(and) continue to bring the Warrior Ethos ideas to a solid end."

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DoD stockpiles flu vaccine

Military planning needs in worst-case scenario

By Jim Garamone

AFPS

WASHINGTON – Health officials estimate the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918 killed 50 million people worldwide – more than the number of people who died in World War I.

Now, President Bush is concerned that a strain of avian flu that has killed millions of birds in Asia could mutate and cross over to humans.

“I am concerned about what an avian flu outbreak could mean for the United States and the world,” Bush said during an Oct. 4 news conference. “I have thought through the scenarios of what an avian flu outbreak could mean.”

The Department of Defense is preparing itself in case the worst happens. DoD is stockpiling vaccine to combat the so-called avian flu and amassing antiviral drugs.

The avian flu has killed millions of domesticated and wild birds in Asia, mostly in Southeast Asia and China. At least 116 humans have caught the virus. Roughly half of them have died.

“This information, combined with what we know about influenza viruses and avian influenza viruses, gives us cause for concern for the possibility of a widespread outbreak of this virus in

humans,” Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said Oct. 7.

Right now the virus is not easily transferred between birds and humans. But, if the virus genetically mutates, it may more easily pass from birds and humans and more easily pass from human to human, Winkenwerder said. “We have to prepare for the possibility of an outbreak,” he said.

The doctor said it is important for DoD to take precautions to protect servicemembers and their families. It is also important because “in event of an outbreak, we may well be called in to assist with civil authorities in the United States or to assist in evacuations of personnel from overseas.”

He said there are a number of ways where the medical and logistical expertise of DoD could be called upon by lead federal agencies in the event of a pandemic.

DoD has tasked combatant commands to develop emergency influenza preparedness and response plans. The U.S. Pacific Command, which dealt with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, commonly called SARS, in 2003 and has dealt with the current avian flu, has completed their

plans. The other combatant commands are finishing theirs, Winkenwerder said.

The doctor said the National Institutes of Health has developed a vaccine for the H5N1 avian flu strain. DoD currently has about 200,000 doses. “As we speak, that vaccine is being mass produced. By the end of this year we will have a few million doses of that vaccine,” he said. “By the end of 2006, we will have tens of millions of doses of that vaccine.”

“The step we have taken for the military is that we obtain the first amounts of that vaccine,” he continued. “I expect that by the end of this year we will have sufficient supplies of this vaccine.”

DoD is also stockpiling an antiviral medication called Tamiflu. “DoD is quickly moving to a good state of preparedness for the avian flu,” Winkenwerder said.

But the avian flu isn’t the only threat out there, nor is it even the most likely. DoD is also accepting delivery of 3.5 million doses of the “regular” flu vaccine.

DoD will begin to vaccinate military personnel and family members and retirees for the regular flu shortly. The department will not begin vaccination for the bird flu until there is a threat, Winkenwerder said.

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Implementation

Horton said the Combined Arms Center is working on the education and training for personnel recovery.

"The training will start with the individual Soldier at all initial entry training," he said. "That's for officers and enlisted personnel."

The chain teaching program is slated to begin in November and the initial entry training will start in January, Horton said.

The instruction is synchronized so the new Soldiers will be trained at the same time as the leadership.

Horton said the training is not limited to Soldiers.

"The Army has the responsibility to recover contractors and

civilians, so we're having to develop the same types of programs for them as well," he said.

"You're going to see a tightening of requirements as we go along ... contractors will have to maintain certain training before their folks are allowed in theater," he went on.

The process will continue to evolve as personnel recovery continues to evolve, Horton said.

The training will not stop at initial entry, either; it will continue throughout an individual's career.

Also, a dedicated personnel recovery officer will be in every unit down to the brigade level to oversee the execution and upkeep of training.

"Some units have taken it down to the battalion level, that's

how critical they see it," Horton said.

As important as the training is, the doctrine had to come first, Horton said. "Without it, we wouldn't be able to do anything."

Tisha Johnson is a staff writer for the Fort Leavenworth Lamp newspaper.



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The services can request to add items to the list. The list includes:

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Leaf pick-up begins Oct. 31

Leaf pick-up with the Directorate of Public Works leaf vacuum machine will begin in areas of heavy tree concentration Oct. 31. Weather permitting and with emphasis in housing areas, the leaf pick-up schedule is:

Main Post on Mondays and Tuesdays
Marshall Army Airfield on Wednesdays
Camp Forsyth on Thursdays
Custer Hill and other areas on Fridays

Leaves to be removed by the leaf vacuum should be raked or piled in rows on the lawn area adjacent to the curb, but not on the curb or street. Leaf piles must not contain grass clippings, limbs or other heavy debris that would interfere with the vacuum operation. The leaf vacuum will operate through November or as long as necessary.

Housing occupants desiring to confine leaves in trash bags may place these bags adjacent to the trash carts for pick-up by the trash collection contractor on regular pick-up days. Bagged leaves should not weigh more than 40 pounds each.

The trash collection contractor will not pick up leaves for activities serviced by dumpsters. These units will be required to haul their leaves to the yard waste compost area near Building 1945 in Camp Funston. Leaves may be hauled loose or in bags, but all leaves must be deposited loose into the compost.

Dumpsters containing bagged or loose leaves will not be emptied.

For more information, call Burton Shepherd at 239-3908.

Network shifts 'In Step' times

Channel 13 plans to shift some show times for "In Step With Fort Riley" from its normal 7 a.m. Sunday slot to another time slot to accommodate some sports programming.

"In Step With Fort Riley" will air at 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 15 and Dec. 3 and 24 instead of 7 a.m. Sunday those weeks.



REDCOM/Moyer
The U.S. Army modified Chevrolet Silverado sits ready to begin the 300-mile journey in the California Road Rally near the steps of the state capitol building in Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 29.

Army's hydrogen vehicle runs rally

Test pickup deemed 'star'

By Tom Moyer
RDE Command

SAN FRANCISCO — Hydrogen-powered fuel cell technology designed for consumer use and U.S. military non-tactical vehicle applications were showcased by all major U.S. automakers and the U.S. Army as part of a rolling convoy during the 2005 California Fuel Cell Partnership Road Rally Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

The Army's modified Chevrolet Silverado, equipped with two 94-kilowatt fuel cell stacks fueled by compressed hydrogen gas, was showcased throughout the three-day long road rally throughout northern California.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command took delivery of the pick-up truck from General Motors Corp. April 1 and has been running the vehicle through an evaluation period at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"This vehicle has spent the last few months performing civilian-type duty at Fort Belvoir, where Soldiers have been evaluating its performance and learning first-hand about hydrogen and fuel cells," said Richard McClelland, director of the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center.

"Fuel cell vehicles have the potential to support multiple military needs such as increased system efficiency, quality electrical power, and field generated potable water, to name a few."

GM modified the truck so it is capable of generating 188 kilowatts and 317 foot-pounds of torque, or roughly the motor torque generated by GM's 5.3 liter V-8 engine.

"The California Fuel Cell Partnership Road Rally was a very successful event ... the Army fuel-cell truck ... was a show-piece ... along the tour," said Bill Harris, U.S. Army National Automotive Center engineer.

Program seeks Soldiers to recruit in hometowns

Six enlisted men spend two weeks at home

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

Six Fort Riley Soldiers have taken advantage of a program that helps the Army recruit new Soldiers while giving them an extra two weeks free vacation at home.

The Special Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program offers Soldiers who have served on the front lines an opportunity to share their experiences with potential recruits in hometown communities.

The two weeks of temporary duty can be added to block leave after returning from Iraq, giving a Soldier as much as six weeks at home, said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Kelly, Fort Riley's senior career counselor.

So far, Spc. Jesse Griego of Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion; Spc. Alex Kaye of Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery; Pfc. Jesus Cuartas of Company A, 1st Eng. Bn.; and Spc. Torrey Crawford of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Division, have spent two weeks as hometown recruiter assistants.

Two former Fort Riley Soldiers also participated in the program, Kelly said, but have since left active service.

Enlisted Soldiers and officers in the rank of captain and below who have served in Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom may request to participate in the program if they meet other criteria outlined in Chapter 7 of Army Regulation 601-2, Army Promotional Recruiter Support Programs.

Officers have been eligible to participate since August, and the program is not restricted to single Soldiers, Kelly said.

If approved, the applicants are sent on two weeks temporary duty and receive travel expenses and

How to apply

Submit an application online at www.usarec.army.mil. All requests undergo a screening process by the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's enlisted standards division and security branch.

USAREC notifies Soldiers who pass the screening via Army Knowledge Online e-mail. The notification will include the name and address of the recruiting station where the participants will perform their S-RAP duty.

Notified Soldiers must then have their requests (DA Form 4187) approved by the first lieutenant colonel in their chain of command.

The approved request is faxed to USAREC, which will then complete a DD Form 1610 that will be sent to the Soldier's AFO e-mail address and the unit's e-mail address.

per diem allowances for that period.

Sending war veterans home to talk to people in local communities can help balance the bad news people see on TV, Kelly said. The Soldiers can tell people in their own words about their experiences, he said.

Kaye was no stranger to volunteer hometown recruiting duty when he applied to participate in S-RAP. He had spent two weeks as a volunteer in the Hometown Recruiter Assistant Program in August 2003.

After returning from Iraq in 2004, he volunteered and was selected for S-RAP duty in November 2004 at the same recruiting station in West Bend, Wis., about six miles from his grandparents' home.

Crawford added two weeks to his block leave at home in Los Angeles, spending his two weeks as a volunteer recruiter assistant in the same recruiting station that enlisted him.

Kaye had graduated from Campbellsport High School, about 12 miles from West Bend. He played sports in high school and had a lot of friends.

"I remembered almost everybody we talked to," Kaye said. One of his primary duties was to attend career fairs, where he met people just starting college or working and still living at home, he said.

Crawford said his main duty was to find potential recruits that recruiters could talk to later about the details of enlisting. "I mostly talked to strangers. I went to the mall and a lot of places where people would hang out, like fast food restaurants," he explained.

Some people would walk up to Crawford and ask about his Army and war experience, he said. Other times, he would try to strike up a conversation with them.

"They asked me about the military, how's the pay, can you go to school and do you have to wake up real early," Crawford recalled.

One of the satisfying aspects of the temporary duty was being able to talk to people of the same age about being in Iraq, Crawford said.

For Kaye, the experience was so satisfying he admitted he's thinking about becoming a full-time recruiter.

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Iraqi civilian leads U.S. Soldiers to weapons

TAJI, Iraq — An Iraqi civilian provided information about a weapons cache to Task Force Baghdad Soldiers while they were patrolling along the Tigris River north of Baghdad Oct. 1.

The Soldiers from Reconnaissance Troop, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, found 12 rocket-propelled grenades, three RPG launchers, three AK-47 assault rifles with ammunition, plastic explosives and five 82mm mortar rounds wired to be used as roadside bombs.

The Soldiers also recovered a sniper rifle and a pistol. The small arms were confiscated and the munitions were destroyed by a military explosive ordnance disposal unit.

Task Force Baghdad patrol nets terrorists

TAJI, Iraq — Task Force Baghdad Soldiers apprehended two men who violated curfew and possessed a loaded rifle northwest of Baghdad Sept. 29.

Soldiers of 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, heard gunshots and then observed two men in a car on a highway after curfew.

When they stopped the vehicle, the Soldiers saw an AK-47 assault rifle in the passenger's lap. After inspecting the weapon, the Soldiers discovered it was loaded. The two men were detained.

Iraqi, U.S. Force seize weapons, bombs

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Army and Task Force Baghdad Soldiers found five weapons caches hidden in north Baghdad Sept. 30.

The largest discovery was made by combat engineers of the 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd

Brigade, 1st Armored Division, at a house in north Baghdad.

The unit captured two suspected terrorists at the house around 8 a.m. and began a search of the area.

In just over two hours, the Soldiers discovered three weapons caches containing nine missiles, seven rocket launchers, 20 rockets, 69 mortar rounds, more than 300 rocket-propelled grenades and 119 hand grenades.

They also found a wide assortment of artillery rounds and bomb-making materials, including 53 detonators, 42 time fuses, three machine guns, several types of rifles, scopes, pistols and ammunition.

At 6 p.m., Iraqi Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 1st Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division (Mech) found a fourth weapons cache while patrolling in north Baghdad. The cache consisted of 20 mortar rounds and bomb-making materials, including five pounds of plastic explosives, one box of rocket fuses, cut lengths of wire, two remote-controlled detonation devices and an instruction book on how to build bombs.

Iraqi school kids escape injury from bombing

BAGHDAD — A terrorist bomb targeting a Task Force Baghdad patrol exploded at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 26 near a school in north Baghdad.

No one was injured in the failed attack and no equipment was damaged.

Members of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, stopped to secure the area and see if any of the students from the school were hurt.

1st Lt. Matthew Brennan, the 2nd Bn., 70th Armor, mortar platoon leader, said, "I couldn't believe they blew up that bomb. There were about 300 kids around us, up and down the road."

He said families and children in three cars near the blast were stunned by the explosion, and he called for an extra medic to help check everyone for injuries.

Iraq, Coalition forces ready for referendum

Marine general confident in capabilities

By Sara Wood
AFPS

WASHINGTON — Multinational Force West, in Iraq's Anbar province, has sufficient strength to complete all its missions, including providing security for the country's Oct. 15 constitutional referendum and the December elections, the unit's commander said Oct. 7.

In a news briefing in Fallujah, Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Stephen Johnson, commander of 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force and Multinational Force West, said Multinational Force West has not been reinforced for the referendum but that the unit's strength has been increased by Iraqi security forces.

Capability growing

"Our overall capability, in terms of manpower, continues to grow as the Iraqi security forces units are trained and join us and continue to improve in their training," Johnson said.

The Anbar province has 5,000 more Iraqi security forces now than it did in July, Johnson said, and every month, these forces improve and grow stronger, which contributes to the overall capability of forces in the area.

Iraqi military leaders have been working closely with Coalition forces to learn about planning, coordinating and executing missions, Johnson said.

They are making progress, he said, and he estimated that by November about half the Iraqi army forces will be able to take the lead in command and control.

The insurgents are resilient enemies that learn from their mistakes and adapt, but Coalition forces recognize that, Johnson said.

"We also adapt to keep ahead of them," he said. "We adapt not only in our tactics, techniques and procedures but also in the equipment that we provide our people to fight the insurgency."

Attacks have increased over

the past few weeks, Johnson said, and he expects there will be more as the constitutional referendum and elections approach.

However, Coalition and Iraqi forces knew this would happen and are prepared to fight back, he said.

Defeating insurgents important

Defeating the insurgents in the field is important to overall victory in Iraq, but the ultimate solution will be political, Johnson said. Military operations create an environment where the government can grow and the intended end state for Iraq can be reached, he added.

"In the end result, in my opinion, it will be a political solution, an adoption of a constitution, a peaceful election where candidates run for office and are elected and they come in and they do things that provide services to their people and to their nation," he said.



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Sports news in brief

KU, Chiefs offer discount tickets

The University of Kansas and the Kansas City Chiefs are offering a special ticket rate for Military Appreciation at the KU/Oklahoma University game Oct. 15, at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

Upper level reserved tickets are being sold for \$25, a \$10 savings. They are available through Oct. 14 by going online to www.ticketmaster.com/promo/19605. Type in the password PUNT.

This is the first time the Jayhawk football team has played in Kansas City.

Center offers bowling variety

Custer Hill Lanes, Building 7485, offers open bowling 5 to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and 3 to 11 p.m. Saturdays.

Extreme bowling under strobe lighting is offered 10 p.m. to close Friday. Family extreme and regular bowling is offered 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday and family open and extreme bowling is offered 3 to 10 p.m. Sundays. Family extreme bowling costs \$15 per lane for six persons.

Couples are being sought for a "fun" league to begin this fall. Sign up at the center or call 239-4366 for more information.

Roller rink open for family fun

Riley Wheels Skating Rink in King Field House operates from 8 to 10 p.m. Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Family skating is offered for \$1 per family member on Sundays.

For more information, call 239-3764.

Eyster Pool open for swims

Recreational swimming is available from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Eyster Pool near the Main Post Exchange. Daily fees are \$1.50 for ID card holders and \$2 for guests. Military family members 5 and younger admitted free.

For more information, call 239-9441.

Swim lessons scheduled

Registration for swimming lessons at Eyster Pool is under way at the pool from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the pool. Cost for lessons is \$20. Classes will be taught Oct. 17-20 and Oct. 24-27. Times for the half-hour lessons will depend on the level assigned the student.

For more information, call 239-9441.

Water aerobics classes slated

Water aerobics will begin at Eyster Pool beginning Jan. 10. Classes are open to all active duty members, their family members, DoD employees and military retirees. Class sessions will be 5 to 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Cost will be \$2.50 per session or \$20 for 10 sessions.

For more information, call 239-9441.

Wrestler captures world crown

By Tim Hipps
Army News Service

Sgt. Iris Smith won a gold medal Sept. 30 in the women's 158.5-pound freestyle division of the 2005 World Wrestling Championships at Budapest, Hungary.

Smith, a wrestler in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, defeated five-time world

champion Kyoko Hamaguchi of Japan 3-1, 1-1 and 1-0 to become the new world champion in her weight class.

WCAP wrestlers Staff Sgt. Dremiel Byers and Sgt. Tina George also competed in the tournament but did not advance into the medal rounds.

The lone American female to win a gold medal in the world championships this year, Smith

became the fourth U.S. woman wrestler to win a world crown. She joined her teenage idol, four-time world champion Tricia Saunders, Kristie Marano and Sandra Bacher.

"My first coach, Anthony White, always told me I could do it," said Smith, 25, who wrestled for the boys' varsity team at Darsey Private School in Albany, Ga. "At the time, I had posters of

Tricia Saunders. Now it is my turn."

To reach the championship match, Smith grappled to victories against Bulgaria's Stanka Zlateva, 3-1, 1-0; Poland's Angnieszka Wiececzek, 2-0, 6-0; and Germany's Anita Schaezel, 3-1, 2-0.

Smith scored her championship-winning point against Hamaguchi when they scrambled

out of bounds 50 seconds into the third period. After a video review, the referee awarded the point to Smith, who kept the pressure on during the final minute.

"When it was over, I looked at [my coaches'] faces," she said. "When I saw them, I thought: 'I guess I won.' I was instantly thanking God. I was so pumped

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Winning strategy



Derrick Sonnier of Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., goes up for the catch while Datric Johnson (9) of the 331st Signal Co. prepares to defend Oct. 4.

Signalmen defeat Engineers, 28-14

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

The 331st Signal Company kept its winning streak going, defeating Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion, 28-14 Oct. 4 at Sturgis Stadium.

But the Engineers didn't do too badly in just their second game of the season. The team was recently added to the league after the 523rd Military Police Company left the league because it forfeited too many games.

Signal started out fast and strong on

offense. Derrick Lane took a Robert Shepherd pass in for the touchdown on the second play of the drive, giving the Signalmen an early 6-0 lead.

After failing to gain a first down, the Engineers punted the ball to Signal's 37-yard line. Shepherd caught the ball and heaved it to his teammate for the touchdown and a 12-0 lead.

The Signalmen tightened up their defense, harassing quarterback David Jorgenson and the Engineer receivers. With three failed pass attempts, the Engineers were forced to punt again.

Starting at its own 20-yard line, the

Signal offense maneuvered to the Engineer 2-yard line by the end of the first quarter. Two plays into the second quarter, Mantello Beverley caught the touchdown pass.

With Joseph Pritchard now at the helm, the Engineers tried to advance the ball but were stopped short by Signal defenders. A failed fourth-down conversion gave Signal the ball at its own 23-yard line.

A toss to Beverley put the Signalmen at the 8-yard line. Another pass to

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Infantry team remains unbeaten

24th ID Soldiers maneuver past Maintainers

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), stepped one game closer to an undefeated season Oct. 5 for when they shut out 1st Maintenance Company 35-0 in flag football at Sturgis Stadium.

The coin toss landed in the Maintainers' favor, but their luck ran out quickly. An interception on their third down brought their defensive line onto the field prematurely.

The Infantry's offense recovered quickly from two incomplete passes and an offside penalty to place Justin Bailey in the end zone on the next play for their first touchdown.

Quarterback Robert Ryder ran the ball in for the extra point to give the Infantry a 7-0 lead.

The Maintainers' next offensive drive was short-lived after the Infantry's Brandon Morgan intercepted a pass.

With little time to catch their breath, the Infantry's offense formed at the line of scrimmage. Ryder handed the ball to Derrick Harper, who carried it all the way to their opponents' 10-yard line.

After an unsuccessful pass into the end zone, Ryder threw the ball to Alberto Camacho in the end zone for the Infantry's second touchdown. Ryder again ran the ball in for the extra point and a 14-0 lead.

The Maintainers' offense failed to place the ball in the end zone after throwing two incomplete passes before the end of the first quarter. Two offside penalties moved the Maintainers back 10 yards and let them repeat third down.

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Squirrels: Either you love 'em or you hate 'em

Red, fox varieties of rodents most common throughout state of Kansas



Alan Hynek

By Alan Hynek
Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Among urbanites, there is a love-hate relationship with squirrels. Considered a pest by some and entertainment by others, squirrels tend to be equally at home in the city as in the country. A quick check of Web sites available on the Internet for squirrels verifies the affection-hate split the urban dwelling rodents. There are just

as many Web sites that are anti-squirrel as there are pro-squirrel.

The red or fox squirrel is by far the most common in Kansas. It is found throughout the state. Gray squirrels are found only in the eastern third of Kansas, but are the most common in North America.

Both squirrels spend most of their time on the ground foraging for food.

They cache nuts for later consumption in shallow holes in the ground.

Urban squirrels tend to be much more bold than their wild counterparts. It is not uncommon to get within a few feet of these domestic squirrels, a feat that is nearly impossible in the wild.

Squirrels are members of the rodent family. There are eight species of "tree squirrels" in North America and two

additional species — the southern and northern flying squirrels — which are also related.

The eastern gray squirrel is usually gray or brownish-gray with a white or lighter gray belly. The red squirrel, also a tree squirrel, is smaller and has reddish brown fur with white underparts. Both are active during daylight hours and are primarily herbivores, feeding on roots, stems, bark, shoots,

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Post/Perrin

Michael Charles (from left) turns to catch the toss from Robert Ryder, quarterback for HHC, 24th Inf. Div., as Cornelius McCall and Mike Slusher of 1st Maint. Co. attempt to steal his flag Oct. 4 at Sturgis Stadium.

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and teary-eyed." "In all of Iris' matches, she never beat herself, which was something she had to work on," Team USA Coach Terry Steiner said. "She kept good position, nothing fancy, just good, solid wrestling."

For her efforts, Smith was named TheMat.com Wrestler of the Week for Sept. 27 through Oct. 3. She also was tabbed USA Today's Olympic Athlete of the Week.

A four-time national champion, Smith has competed twice in the world championships, finishing seventh in 2000. She also made Team USA's roster for the world championships in 2001 but missed the event to attend Army basic training.

In men's Greco-Roman competition, Byers defeated Italy's Rocco Daniele Ficarra 4-1 and 2-0 in the first round of the 264.5-pound division Oct. 2. In his second-round match, Byers lost 3-0

and 1-1 to Kazakhstan's Georgiy Tsurtsumia, a 2004 Olympic silver medalist.

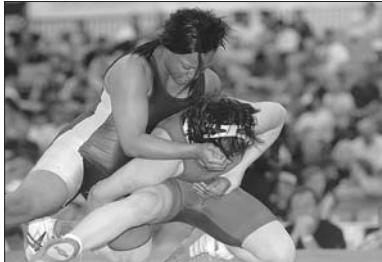
Because Tsurtsumia scored the last point of the second period, he was awarded the period and the match based on new rules implemented before the tournament by Federation Internationale des Luttes Associees, the international governing body for amateur wrestling.

"I was undecided what I would do on the top," said Byers, 31, who won a world championship three years ago. "I went for the reverse lift. I was in a great position for that, but I sat there a second thinking. I waited too late and could not switch off."

In the women's 121-pound freestyle division Sept. 29, George lost 1-0 and 6-0 in the second round to Canada's Tonya Verbeek, a 2004 Olympic silver medalist.

"I don't know how to explain it," said George, 26, a two-time world silver medalist who opened with a 2-0, 2-1 victory over Mongolia's Naidan Otgonjargal. "It was just that match. I was off. Something didn't click right."

Everything, however, was clicking for Smith. One of four American women to earn a medal in the tournament, she helped Team USA to a third-place finish.



Army News Service/Hipps

Sgt. Iris Smith (top), seen here defeating Ali Bernard for the 2005 women's 158.5-pound freestyle national championship at Las Vegas, won a world wrestling championship in her weight class Sept. 30 at Budapest, Hungary.

Sunflower knockdown



Post/Skidmore

K-State Defensive Back Marcus Watts hangs on to Kansas Running Back Jon Cornish to bring him down in the 103rd Sunflower Showdown Oct. 8 at K-State's Wagner Field. The Wildcats won the game, 12-3. K-State (4-1, 1-1 Big 12) will take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) in Lubbock, Texas, this weekend. Kickoff is slated for 11:10 a.m. The game is scheduled to air on ABC Sports.

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Infantry

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They failed to regain the lost yards for the needed first down and called their defensive lineup onto the field.

The Infantry's offense suffered a 15-yard loss when Ryder was called for protecting his flag. But, the well-oiled offense regained the lost yards and more before being stopped at the 40-yard line. A pass into the end zone on their second down widened their lead to 20-0, and a short toss into the end zone raised the score to 21-0.

The Maintainers' aerial offense failed to complete the next four passes, one of which the Infantry almost intercepted. The Infantry aerial offense also failed on the next two attempts, just before half-

time. The Maintainers started the second half with a slow ground advance downfield, and then went to the air in an attempt to score. The Infantry's Raymond Doffney spoiled the effort with his interception.

Tucking the ball into his arm, Doffney sprinted past midfield to the opponents' 40-yard line to end the third quarter.

After switching field directions, Ryder completed a pass to put the Infantry on the 20-yard line. Camacho caught another pass in the end zone just a few steps before he fell out of bounds. The successful extra point brought the score to 28-0 for the

Infantry.

The Maintainers' offensive drive was stopped short again when the Infantry's Clyde Ryan intercepted a pass and ran the ball all the way down the field into the end zone. The successful extra point attempt increased the Infantry's lead to 35-0.

The Infantry's dominating defense sacked the Maintainers' quarterback on the next play to end the game and chalk up another Infantry win.

"We played real solid on defense and offense," said Davalence DePoe, defensive coordinator for the Infantry. "We don't have any prima donnas. Everybody works together as a team."

Flag football scores Oct. 3-6

HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech)
def. MEDDAC, 20-0

Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn., def. 1st
Maint. Co., 37-24

Co. A, 1st Bn., 190th FA (MP
Prov.) def. 977th MP Co., 19-6

HHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech)
def. 116th MP Co., 14-0

Co. C, 1st Eng. Bn. def.
977th MP Co., 31-6

Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn. def.
MEDDAC, 48-38

331st Sig. Co. def. 116th MP
Co., 40-6

MEDDAC def. HHB/Btry. A,
101st FSB, 18-12

172nd Chem. Co. def. Co. A,
1st Eng. Bn., 50-26



Post/Blackmon

Troy Moppin (13) of the 331st Sig. Co. pursues quarterback Joseph Pritchard of Co. A, 1st Eng. Bn., during flag football action Oct. 4 at Sturgis Stadium.

331st Signal

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Robert Spring, and the Signal team had another score. Pritchard's interception on the two-point conversion kept the Signal lead at 24-0.

The Engineers made it to the 40-yard line with the help of Derrick Sonnier and Pritchard to end the half.

Starting with possession in the second half, the Engineers' advance was killed by Chris Thompson, who intercepted the second pass at the 4-yard line.

Engineer Harry Jump responded four plays later with an interception at the 27-yard line.

The team then made its way to

Signal's 23-yard line, but a flag guarding penalty during the play brought them back to their own 10.

A pitch to Jorgenson and pass to Francisco Mata took the Engineers back into Signal territory. Spencer Powell took a fake hike to the quarterback and ran down to the 5-yard line before Pritchard tossed the ball to Jorgenson in the end zone for the score. Mata caught the extra points pass for a 24-8 game.

Signal started with the ball in the last two plays of the third quarter.

The Engineers stepped up their defensive pressure, nearly inter-

cepting two passes. But, they left Spring open on a play and Shepherd passed one to him. Shepherd turned around and saw Linwood Mosley available in the end zone and passed him the ball for the score.

Mosley also caught the extra points pass, giving Signal a 32-8 lead.

The Engineers controlled the ball in the final plays of the game. Jorgenson stepped back in as quarterback and lofted a pass to Sonnier, who made it to the 16-yard line before his flag fell off. Jorgenson later ran the ball in to tighten the final score at 28-14.

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Ball battle
An offensive player for the Milford youth soccer team battles a Fort Riley Broncos defender for the ball during league action at the Colyer Manor fields Oct. 8.

Squirrels

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leaves, fruits, nuts, seeds, fungi, flower bulbs and occasionally insects.

Because they have rootless teeth that keep growing, they must gnaw continuously to wear them down. Otherwise they would be unable to close their mouths, and their teeth would continue to grow and eventually prevent them from feeding.

Squirrels have slender toes with sharp claws that make them excellent climbers. They keep busy collecting and hoarding seeds and other food.

Red squirrels will store food where they live, whereas grays will store it elsewhere.

They often store more than they need and sometimes forget where they stashed it. This contributes to reforestation by scattering seeds that will take root and grow in a new location.

Gray or red squirrels generally build their nests high up in trees, in hollow trunks or forks between thick branches, using moss, twigs, and dry leaves.

Sometimes squirrels will live in colonies with several nests shared amongst them. Although they do not hibernate, they will spend long hours in their nests during winter. Red squirrels will stay in their nests for days since they have food stored, whereas grays will go out of their nests every day.

Gray squirrels mate in January or February and again around July; reds mate in February or March and again in July or August. The gestation period is 38 to 44 days.

One to seven hairless and blind pups are born in a litter. They do not venture out of the nest until seven to eight weeks and are not weaned until 10 to 12 weeks. Their average life span is five to eight years.

The ability of squirrels to adapt to a varied environment combined with their intelligence and curiosity has made them prolific urban dwellers. Squirrels have adapted a cunning approach to acquiring their food in the city.

They are nearly impossible to keep out of a bird feeder and are just at home running across a power line as they are a limb. Any entrance to an attic is fair game for acorn storage, causing damage to homes and utilities.

Squirrel season in Kansas is long, running from June to Febru-

ary for both species. It is open statewide with a liberal daily bag limit of five and possession limit of 20.

Squirrel hunting is challenging and rewarding. On Fort Riley, the squirrel harvest has remained fairly steady for many years.

Black squirrels are not a separate species but rather a melanistic phase of the fox squirrel. The nearby town of Marysville is known as the "Black Squirrel City."

Legend has it that a circus that was in town in the early 1900s had several black squirrels escape from the show. Whether that is true or not is unknown, but genetics that produce black squirrels are certainly in the area. Throughout the Main Post area of Fort Riley you can occasionally find black squirrels.

For more information on this or other wildlife subjects, call the Conservation Division at 239-6211 or visit its Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Recreation/Outdoor/Fishing>.

Fort Riley ends season

7th-graders drop final game to Junction City

By April Blackmon
Staff writer

"Simply put, they're better than us. They're bigger, faster," said Fort Riley Coach Vic Garcia after his seventh-grade football team's 30-6 home loss to Junction City Middle School Oct. 6.

Some 10 Fort Riley Middle School seventh-grade players were ineligible for the final game of the season because of bad grades, Garcia said, and that also was part of the problem.

"I'm not making excuses, but when 10 seventh-graders weren't dressed out, that hurts us," he said. "If we could keep the whole team we had from the beginning of the season, we would've been competitive."

The Junction City Middle

School Wildcats amassed a 30-point lead by halftime, taking advantage of several Trooper fumbles and breaking through the team's defense.

But the team made some halftime adjustments, Garcia said, and the difference was visible on the field.

"One, we corrected the alignment. Two, we needed to get off the ball. We stand up and get hit that way," Garcia said.

The Troopers kept the Wildcat offense from making any significant strides in the second half.

"We tackled better, and that's because we had better outside containment," Garcia said.

On offense, the Troopers improved as well. With 3:07 left in the fourth quarter, Jeremy Herman ran in the team's only touch-

down after bringing it down to the 4-yard line in just three plays.

Fort Riley came close to scoring again in the final minutes of play. Quarterback Zachary Jones' pass was nearly caught in the end zone on fourth down.

8th-graders win against Solomon

The eighth-grade team took on Solomon at home Oct. 6. The Troopers posted their only win of the season with a 30-6 final score.

Zach Birchmeier scored two touchdowns and one conversion. Jason Bronson and Michael Wilkerson scored one touchdown each. Jeremy Herman and Grover McIntosh each scored a conversion.



Jeremy Herman (21) scores the lone touchdown for Fort Riley in the fourth quarter while Dallas King (81) of the Junction City Wildcats tries to take him down. The seventh-grade Trooper team lost to the Wildcats, 30-6, at Fort Riley Middle School Oct. 6.

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Community news briefly

Chapel hosts Oct. 31 fun

The Morris Hill Chapel congregation will offer a fun, safe environment for families and children of all ages on Halloween. Bible-based games will be the highlight of the evening, accompanied by food, dramatic play and a presentation by the drill team ministry for the Family Fall Festival also known as Hallelujah Night.

The festival takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. and everything is free.

For more information, call Althea Brown at 717-3032.

Spouses' clubs set 'Hat' night

Enlisted Spouses' Club and Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club members are invited to the ESC's annual Crazy Hat Night at 6 p.m. Oct. 27 at Rally Point.

The \$10 fee includes a buffet and one door prize ticket. The buffet starts at 7 p.m. Crazy Hats may be store-bought or hand-made. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in both categories.

Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP to espresident@hotmail.com or call 717-2410 or 784-2575 by Oct. 19.

Limited child care will be available at the Armed Services YMCA. Call 784-4772 to reserve space for children by Oct. 24.

Club Beyond slates activities

Sundays - 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Sunday School, Main Post Chapel

Sundays - 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond (grades 9-12), basement of St. Mary's Chapel

Tuesdays - Bible Lunch Tuesdays (BLT), grades 10-12. Free lunch and devotion. Pick up outside Junction City High School band room

Wednesdays - 6 to 7:30 p.m., Club Beyond JV (grades 6-8), Teen Center

For more information, call Jason Grogan at 210-6240 or e-mail Jason.Grogan@cox.net.

Spouses plan Oktoberfest

The Fort Riley Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club will host an Oktoberfest celebration beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 21 in Riley's Conference Center. This will be a couples event.

Cost will be \$8.50 per person and pub glasses will be available for sale for \$11.50 each.

For childcare reservations, call 784-2793 by Oct. 16.

Story times feature cats

On Oct. 15, story time listeners will meet "Skippyjon Jones," a nutty little Siamese kitten created by Judith Schachner. Skippyjon is convinced that he's really a Chihuahua. Skippyjon imagines that he's a famous swordfighter defeating a giant bumblebee to save a village of Chihuahuas.

Story times are held at 1:30 and 4 p.m. every Saturday. All children accompanied by an adult are welcome to listen.

The library is located in Building 5306, Hood Drive. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The library is closed on Monday.

For more information, call Victoria Martin at 239-5305.

Combined Federal Campaign starts

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

Fort Riley's Combined Federal Campaign started with a donation for a lucky campaign key person.

Sgt. Maj. Reyes Perez of Medical Department Activity received the grand door prize of tickets to the Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos professional football game in Kansas City Dec. 4.

Members of the Fort Riley community who will spearhead this year's campaign attended the 2005 Fort Riley area CFC Kickoff Oct. 5 at Riley's Conference Center.

The CFC is the federal government's on-the-job fund-raising drive. Servicemembers and federal employees receive a pledge card and a catalog that lists all eligible charities.

A contributor can choose which charities should receive the donation by entering that charity's four-digit code number on their pledge card. Donors can choose only charities participating in the CFC. Written-in charities are discounted.

Contributors can donate by having a small amount deducted from each paycheck or by making an immediate gift of cash or by check.

Col. Thomas Smith, U.S. Army Garrison commander at Fort Riley, welcomed attendees to the kickoff ceremony.

"The hard work, dedication and caring spirit of our servicemembers and federal employees is unparalleled," Smith said. He said campaign organizers set an ambitious goal of \$150,000 for the post to raise, but said he believes it can be achieved.

For the first time, the CFC of Fort Riley joins the United Way of Greater Topeka in the annual campaign. A savings of more than \$14,000 in overhead cost is expected from the union of the organizations, said Dori Farrow, chief of administration and operations at Fort Riley's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The savings will allow more money to be given to the charities, she said. Some of the money will help fund the many needs created by the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes and local Kansas flooding, she added.

"So many different terrible tragedies have happened — the hurricanes and local flooding — there have been so many tragedies

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Staff Sgt. Howard Pastran of DENTTAC receives information from Tatum Couture, executive director of the United Way of Junction City Oct. 5 during the Combined Federal Campaign kick-off at Riley's Conference Center.

Renovation



John J. Kirlin contracted employees work on finishing renovation of the third floor at Irwin Army Community Hospital Oct. 6. About 90 percent of the work had been done on the new Women's Center project.

New women's center opens Oct. 13

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

After nearly 15 months of work, Irwin Army Community Hospital was set for a grand opening of its new women's center Oct. 13 and visit by the surgeon general.

Project Manager Frank Harrison said Oct. 6 that more than 90 percent of the work on the third floor renovation of the

hospital was done and that some finish work remained as well as moving in more furniture. He expressed confidence the grand opening would take place on the scheduled date and that the public would be impressed with the new center.

Plans call for the OB/GYN clinic to be fully operational by the end of October, Harrison said. The clinic contains 10 examination/treatment rooms, nine care

provider offices and a three-person neonatal stress examination room.

Other Women's Center services will include a nursery and eight birthing suites. The suites will be used for women in labor, actual child delivery, recovery after delivery and post partum care, he said. A patient stays in the same room during the entire

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Efforts to stop violence begin

People urged to 'Stand Up, Speak Out'

By Stephanie Perrin
Staff writer

The staff of Fort Riley's Family Advocacy Program is urging members of the community to "Stand Up and Speak Out against Domestic Violence."

October is the annual domestic violence awareness month and the Department of Defense chose the slogan for this year's campaign, said Carolyn Tolliver-Lee, family educator at Army Community Services.

"We want the community to gain a better understanding of what they can do, (to help prevent domestic violence) whether as an individual or an agency," Tolliver-Lee said. "This is a great opportunity for them to get an understanding of how the military life is changing and how it's impacting the families they will be serving."

The Family Advocacy Program staff members have scheduled two workshops to help raise awareness and prevention of domestic violence. The first workshop, "What you need to know," is scheduled for Oct. 18. The second workshop, "The first responders to domestic violence," is scheduled for Oct. 27.

"We are trying to raise awareness of what families are encountering and experiencing and what we need to be accountable for in helping them become reunited

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Marriage and Military Life

Network helps expose phonies, 'wannabees'

By Gene-Thomas Gomulka
Retired Navy chaplain

When I recently wrote an article entitled "Impersonating a Navy SEAL," I had no idea of the number of individuals who fraudulently misled innocent people to believe they are highly decorated servicemembers.

In response to my article, one Navy SEAL wrote that I should have more vociferously denounced as "despicable" and "dishonest" those who falsely claim to have served and suffered

in the defense of our country.

He went on to say that "those who have not served in any capacity are not capable of feeling or sensing the great pride that we have in our accomplishments and reputation, nor of recognizing the tremendous injustice that is done by those who falsely co-opt our accomplishments as their own."

A very important resource that attempts to expose "phonies and wannabees" is the P.O.W. Network (www.pownetwork.org) which provides links dedicated to identifying and exposing frauds like the

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Have a question? Write Gene-Thomas at letters@plaintec.net



man who impersonated a Navy SEAL.

While the Network's mission is education on the P.O.W. issue and maintaining the history of Viet-

nam POWs and MIAs, exposing phonies has become an unexpected and sad result of attempting to complete the Vietnam bio project. The Network also provides

links to several organizations that are dedicated to uncovering those who make particular false claims (e.g., Medal of Honor or Purple Heart recipients).

With the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the number of military phonies has increased. Thousands of imposters are identified on the P.O.W. Network because civilian and military law enforcement agencies are not taking steps that lead to the prosecution of these individuals.

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with their families," Tolliver-Lee said.

Domestic violence in military families has a tendency to be focused toward the stress created by long deployments, she said.

"We all know that deployments have unique stresses associated with them," Tolliver-Lee said. "However, we want to give some clarifications that while some of these stressors may be predictors of domestic violence, these stressors are not the cause of domestic violence."

Spouse abuse is related to multiple social, economic and psychological factors, she said.

"The deployments are not causing any individual, whether it's the female spouse or male spouse, to be abusive. There is something else more significant in that marital relationship that the deployment may illuminate, may bring to the surface. But the deployment in itself is not the cause of domestic violence," she said.

"We want to give them a good understanding that there are dynamics within their marital relationship in itself that would probably occur regardless of the situation; however deployments could be the catalyst or spark that causes these things to surface," she added.

Some of the stressors challenging military families include an inability to communicate and economic abuse, Tolliver-Lee said. Economic abuse occurs when one spouse controls the finances without consulting with their partner. Domestic abuse occurs in more forms than violent physical abuse, she said.

"Domestic violence abuse

comes in many many forms. Domestic violence is always a system of something else," she said.

Couples marrying into the military with different expectations of military life can also face marital difficulties and maybe spousal abuse, she said.

"Their vision or expectation of what marriage should be or what they want it to be may not be exactly what they get when they marry a Soldier today," Tolliver-Lee said. "They come in with different assumptions and expectations. Sometimes the Soldiers themselves, being new to the military, are unknowing. It's a learning process for everyone."

Understanding the military and its operations before marriage may help create fewer stressors for couples, she said.

"Spouses as well as Soldiers need to understand that this is a new day in the Army. The Army as it exists today consists of many missions that the family members will not be accompanying their Soldiers on. So what does that say about the military family? There are going to be long separations," Tolliver-Lee said.

The Soldier's military career and marriage need to learn how to compliment one another to help create less stress and difficulties in the Soldier's professional and personal life, she said.

"It's really a coming together of the military way of life and a marital relationship. One does not have to take away from the other," she said.

For more information on the domestic violence prevention workshops or other available classes, call 239-9435.



Helping hand for victims of hurricanes

Shealyn Martin (left), Zachary Rusch (bottom) and Hector Flores push a box full of donated items out of Krystal Rusch's garage at Fort Riley and up a ramp into a truck that will take them to Topeka, Kan., to aid evacuees of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Rusch and other organizers conducted a toy and clothing drive at Jefferson Elementary School and other schools on post to aid evacuees. The drive ended Sept. 23 with more than 500 boxes of collected items. The Salvation Army used the items to directly benefit hurricane victims, Rusch said.

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M. Schantag, a P.O.W. Network spokesperson, claims "most victims are unsuspecting women, many of whose lives are destroyed, savings gone and self-esteem shattered."

Anyone interested in learning more about the extent of this problem may wish to read "Fake Warrior" by Henry Mark Holzer. The book aims to "identify, expose and punish those who falsify their military service."

Holzer states, "there is serious problem of fake warriors who act out of a variety of neurotic and psychological reasons, resulting

in unacceptable moral, legal, financial and other consequences."

He encourages people "to identify the fakers, to make common cause with others who want to do something about the problem, and use the many legal and social tools available to counter this problem."

The problem is also being highlighted in various civilian publications. For example, the May 30, 2005, edition of "People" magazine featured an article about Eric Cooper, who married seven wives in 10 years. Cooper, who is

being prosecuted for bigamy, either posed as a Navy pilot or SEAL in wooing the women into marriage.

Not only do individuals lie about having served in the military, there also are organizations that attempt to extort donations under false pretenses.

The P.O.W. Network has posted a warning about an organization by the name of "Let Freedom Ring."

According to the warning, while this organization promises "\$6,000 grants to war injured Soldiers," no Soldier has received a

penny to date. Chaplains and chapel finance committees involved in the disbursement of religious offering funds should be careful when receiving such fundraising appeals.

Those who suspect that an organization may be guilty of institutional fraud, or that an individual may be fraudulently claiming to have received certain military decorations (e.g., the Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Navy Cross), is encouraged to contact the P.O.W. Network at info@pownetwork.org.

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Commissary agency marks anniversary, 138-year history

By Peter Skirbunt
DeCA

FORT LEE, Va. — Fourteen years ago, to improve efficiency and increase taxpayer savings, Congress and the Department of Defense created the Defense Commissary Agency by consolidating the military services' retail grocery operations into one organization.

Today, the agency, known as DeCA, continues to save taxpayer dollars while preserving a vital military benefit that is important to the recruiting and retention of military personnel.

At Fort Riley, Commissary Manager Mark Derby reports that his store served 35,877 customers in September. They spent more than \$1.96 million that month, compared to about \$1.8 million in

September a year ago.

As of Oct. 6, commissary shoppers had spent \$138,984.87, Derby said.

While Oct. 1 marks the agency's 14th anniversary, the commissary benefit is actually 138 years old. Congress authorized the Army to sell food items at cost to officers and enlisted men beginning July 1, 1867.

These sales were authorized at

every Army post with a subsistence warehouse. Sales areas consisted of a table or counter in the warehouse, and sales were limited to an official stock list of 82 items.

In the past 14 years, customer savings have increased, store facilities have been upgraded and more people became eligible to enjoy the benefit.

In 1991, commissaries provid-

ed average customer savings of 20 percent when compared with local grocery chains.

Today average savings is more than 30 percent.

During those 14 years, to provide military families with a shopping experience comparably pleasant with stores in the civilian sector, the agency opened 88 new stores, remodeled or made major renovations to 64 existing ones

and upgraded and modernized more than 100 more.

The number of items stocked by commissaries has also increased, from about 13,000 in the largest stores in 1991 to 17,000 in the big stores today.

More recently, National Guard and Reserve personnel, always key components of the military, have been given full-time commissary benefits.

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happen that are out of our control," she said.

Representatives of the Life Choice of Ministries, United Way of Riley County and Special Olympics of Kansas spoke with the audience about their organizations' needs to continue their services.

Donna Zimmerman, vice president of development for the SOKS, introduced Michael Arias, who has Downs syndrome and is a member of the SOKS. She said his mother praises the socialization and confidence her son has gained from participating in the Special Olympics.

The CFC officially began accepting donations Oct. 11. The campaign will continue through Nov. 18. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.charitychoices.com.

Soldiers help build

By Janice McCall
648th ASG

Soldiers of the 648th Area Support Group joined forces with the Junction City community for a worthy cause Oct. 1. This time, 648th Soldiers helped Habitat for Humanity build a home for a single mother with three biological children and two adopted children.

Everyone smiled Oct. 1 when the first wall went up, especially the children, who range in age from 7 to 17n.

Some 648th ASG Soldiers had previous building experience and were able to help out in a variety of ways. They were laying out walls, cutting and nailing, helping set the roof rafters, building the porch and

just lending a hand wherever help was needed.

By the end of the first day, most of the framing was done and three quarters of the roof was covered in plywood.

The Habitat for Humanity house in Junction City will continue to be worked on weekends for the next few months. The 648th ASG volunteers found the project an opportunity to do something great for the community while making new friends and learning about building.

Volunteers will continue working on the house on weekends — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Anyone wanting to help should stop by 740 W. 11th St. in Junction City.

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process, he added.

The almost \$7 million project called for complete gutting of about 22,000 square feet of space on the third floor. The renovation brings all women's health care services to one floor of the hospital, Harrison said.

The decor emphasizes soft tones throughout, Harrison pointed out.

The project incorporated standard furniture and color tones being implemented in hospitals

throughout the Army, he added. "What patients see here they will see in other military hospitals," he said.

Much of the furniture is made of wood and medical equipment is contained in wooden cabinets or suitable furniture adding to the home-like atmosphere, Harrison explained.

Even the art package ordered to decorate the center fits the overall scheme and keeps the patient in a relaxed state, he added.



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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, October 14, 2005

Leisuretime ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

Oct. 14 - Red Eye (PG-13)
Oct. 15 - The Cave (PG-13)
Oct. 16 - Red Eye (PG-13)
Oct. 20 - The Cave (PG-13)
Oct. 21 - The Transporter 2 (PG-13)

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Lawrence:

What: Beijing Modern Dance in Rear Light. Innovative modern dance works that reflect the Chinese struggle to reconcile its traditional culture with influences from abroad and a thirst for freedom. The company will present "Rear Light," a bold new fusion of tradition and modernism performed to a recording of "The Wall" by rock group Pink Floyd.

When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21
Where: 1600 Stewart, Lied Center

Phone: (785) 864-2787
Web site: www.lied.ku.edu
Admission: Varies by seating choice

Leavenworth:

What: Antique show and sale

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 22 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23

Where: 123 S. Esplanade
Phone: (913) 651-5273
Web site: www.steviesantiques.com

Admission: \$3 good for both days

Shawnee:

What: Holiday Treasures Craft Festival. Arts and crafts from local and national vendors for the holiday season.

When: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22

Where: 13817 Johnson Drive, Shawnee Civic Centre
Phone: (913) 631-5200

Web site: www.cityof-shawnee.org

Admission: Free

Salina:

What: Silver Needles Quilt Show. Annual show featuring star-studded quilts, classes, demonstrations, vendors, opportunity quilt, and mini auction.

When: Oct. 15-16
Where: 800 The Midway, Salina Bicentennial Center
Phone: (785) 826-7200

Web site: www.salina-kansas.org

Admission: Varies

What: Century of Toys Toy Show. Kansas' largest antique toy and doll show. Also featuring banks and trains.

When: Oct. 16
Where: 800 The Midway, Salina Bicentennial Center
Phone: (785) 446-2860

Admission: Varies

Abilene:

What: Haunted Halloween at the Lebold Mansion. Experience a fun old-fashioned Halloween in the old haunted mansion.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Friday-Monday only, Oct. 21-31.

Where: 106 N. Vine, Lebold Mansion
Phone: (785) 263-4356

Web site: www.lebold-mansion.com
Admission: \$10

Flint Hills featured in scenic byway

KDOT

Special to the Post

The beauty of the Flint Hills and a variety of structures constructed from its native limestone are among the attractions along the state's newest scenic byway — the Native Stone Scenic Byway.

The new byway, which received the designation from Kansas Department of Transportation Sec-

retary Deb Miller, traverses parts of western Shawnee County and Wabaunsee County along Kansas Highways 4 and 99. The 48-mile route passes through Alma, Eskridge, Keene and Dover, offering visitors a glimpse of rural Kansas life.

The winding byway, which cuts through the rolling terrain of the eastern Flint Hills, also provides visitors a chance to view walls, bridges and buildings constructed

of native limestone.

"The Flint Hills region is one of the most beautiful and distinct natural attractions Kansas has," Miller said. "The state designation will create greater awareness of this area for visitors and spur an interest in the communities along the route. It is another way we can promote tourism in an area abundant with natural and cultural importance."

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius praised

the designation of the route as a state scenic byway. "This is such a beautiful area that deserves the scenic byway distinction," she said. "I encourage Kansans who have not had the opportunity, to pull out your maps, take a drive and enjoy the scenery."

The state designation will result in the placement of route markers along the byway, creation of a promotional brochure and a page on the www.ksbyways.org Web site.

It will also be placed on the national www.byways.org Web site. The byway will be eligible for National Scenic Byway grants to enhance the route for visitors.

The Native Stone Scenic Byway is the eighth route to receive the state designation. The Kansas Scenic Byways program identifies scenic routes in the state and, through a cooperative grass-roots partnership, preserves, enhances and promotes the routes.

Music for all

The Woods Tea Company will be the headlining group at the first Abilene Music Festival Oct. 21-23.

Publicity photo



Abilene sponsors fall music festival

By Lynda Lowrey

Abilene Chamber of Commerce

The first Abilene "Fall Music Festival" will feature one of the finest Folk/Celtic music groups in North America. The Woods Tea Company will be the featured entertainment for two concerts to start their 2006 national tour in conjunction with the "Fall Music Festival" Oct. 21-23.

The Woods Tea Company will perform at the Abilene High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 and at 2 p.m. Oct. 23.

The Woods Tea Company performs Celtic tunes, blue grass, sea chanteys and folk. The band employs as many as a dozen different instruments, including banjos, bouzoukis, bodhrans, guitars and tin whistles.

Woods Tea Company has performed concerts at performing arts centers and various festivals around the country. The group has appeared at more than 50 college campuses nationwide, as well as New

York's Lincoln Center and the Chautauqua Institute. It has been honored by the Irish Heritage Foundation in New York with an outstanding invitation award.

Reserved seating tickets are available through the Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce.

(785) 263-1770, for \$10 each; or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Abilene Chamber of Commerce, 500 N. Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410 to receive tickets by mail.

Chris Biggs and Friends, a well-known Kansas group, will perform "Mountain Music" at the Royer Band Shell from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 as part of the Abilene "Fall Music Festival."

The Sunflower Stompers will perform with Chris Biggs and Friends at the Royer Band Shell.

Weekend event buttons can be obtained from the Abilene Area Chamber of Commerce for \$5 for adults. Toddlers through high school students are admitted free. The \$5 weekend button will gain its wearer admission to all Abilene "Fall Music Festival" events except the Woods Tea Company concerts.

The Abilene "Fall Music Festival" kicks off with Bob Hope and his USO Show at the Eisenhower Center at 7 p.m. Oct. 21, continues all day Oct. 22 and ends with the second Woods Tea Company concert at the Abilene High School Auditorium at 2 p.m.

Schedule of events

Oct. 21:

7 p.m. - Bob Hope and his USO Show featuring Marc Liby as Bob Hope, performers from the Great Plains Theatre Festival and the Abilene City Band

Oct. 22 (at the fairgrounds):
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Custom car and truck show

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Fun time amusement (large inflatables)

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Food vendors

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Abilene Trolley (city tour)

9:30 to 10:45 a.m. - Fiddlers and pickers competition and Buckles and Bows square dance exhibition

10:45 to 11:30 a.m. - Adult male singers, female singers, youth

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - Barbershop chorus exhibition

12:15 to 1 p.m. - Gospel, vocal groups, instrumental, other

1 to 2 p.m. - Abilene High School Band, Karaoke

If you go:

From Fort Riley, take Interstate 70 west to exit 275. Follow Buckhorn into the center of the city.

Post to celebrate Hispanic heritage

By Lonnie Powell

Equal Opportunity Asst.

Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 is National Hispanic American heritage month, and Fort Riley's Equal Opportunity Office will host an observance from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Oct. 19 at Riley's Conference Center.

This year's observance will include Hispanic displays, dancers, music, free food sampling and a guest speaker. The guest speaker is Federico J.

Rodriguez of Fort Riley.

Rodriguez is director of Educational Services. As the chief educational leader within the Fort Riley community, he is entrusted with providing the leadership and directing educational opportunities for more than 20,000 active duty Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians and family members.

A formal recognition of Hispanic heritage was first declared by the U.S. Congress in 1968, to celebrate a combination of several

Latin American countries' Independence Day holidays.

In 1988, the celebration was extended to a full month. It now includes Columbus Day on Oct. 12 and Dia de la Raza, commemorating the first immigration of Hispanics to the Americas.

Hispanic Americans are Americans of Spanish speaking descent and come from about 20 different countries.

Many Hispanic Americans are the descendants of Mexican people who lived in the Southwest

when it became part of the United States.

Almost all other Hispanic Americans or their ancestors immigrated to the United States from Latin America.

The three largest groups in the United States are Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans and Cuban Americans.

For more information about the Oct. 19 observance or Hispanic heritage, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 239-3379 or 239-8453.

K-State displays art work

By Chloe Bos

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN - Manipulated forms of light bulbs, tools and other common, recognizable objects will be on display during the "Mal-functionalism" art exhibition in Willard Hall's Chapman Art Gallery at Kansas State University.

Kevin Rutherford, visiting associate professor of sculpture and visiting artist for the sculpture program, has molded 60 objects that range from 3 inches to 15 inches in size. The sculptures can be viewed 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Oct. 21.

A meet-and-greet reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 14 in the gallery. Rutherford will present an artist's lecture and speak of his background and the specific works on display at 11 a.m. Oct. 21, also in the gallery. Both events are free and open to the public.

Rutherford works with wax, which allows him to take molds of mundane objects. He then merges them with different objects or distorts the original forms and creates new forms. The finished product is created with a standard investment bronze mold.

"It's kind of creating a new form out of a recognizable form," he said.

Rutherford began his collegiate career as an architecture major, but said he felt confined in terms of his expression and found he liked a more hands-on approach. He enjoys sculpture because he prefers to make a physical object as opposed to creating a surface.

His sculpture work allows him to have a direct relationship with the objects he creates and manipulates, he said.

Quilt exhibit shown

By Marcia Locke

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN - In observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Konza Prairie Quilters Guild Sesquicentennial Quilt Show will be exhibited throughout October at the Terry C. Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research at K-State.

The show, which celebrates 150 years of Riley County history, opened Oct. 4 and may be viewed by the public anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

The cancer center is in 1 Chalmers Hall, 17th Street and Claflin Road.

Limited free parking for cancer center guests is available along 17th Street.

Each quilt in this show features at least one pictorial element reflecting local history. Many are autobiographical.

